

This request for continued examination is submitted along with a Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 2, 2007, for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant failed to respond within the maximum statutory period and the application was abandoned. Accordingly, Applicant submits a request for continued examination and response; and a Renewed Petition to Revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), along with the appropriate fees.

**Introductory Comments**

Applicants have amended the Claims as follows. Also, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection and submit the following arguments.